



# THE EASTERN IOWA DX'ER

## SPRING 1991

### NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN IOWA DX ASSOCIATION

#### Officers:

Glen Kesselring, KOJGH, President

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The Spring meeting of the EIDXA will be held Friday April 12th, 1991, 7:30 PM at the REC building in Marion (corner of 35th St. and 10th Ave). KCOQ. Jeff will discuss the "K.C." keyer and a slide presentation is in the works!

#### OPERATING EVENTS

May 4-5 CW County Hunters

May 18th Armed Forces Day

May 25-26 CQ WW WPX CW

June 22-23 ARRL Field Day

July 13-14 IARU HF World

Championship

Aug 3-4 ARRL UHF Contest

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring is fast approaching as is our spring meeting, so just a few lines from KOJGH QTH. John, KORW, made it very clear to me in last months newsletter.....you will be hearing from me!!!! Since last meeting we wondered if Kuwait would survive and just a few hours ago I worked 9K2/NE2X on the rebuilding mission. Still I wish I would have gotten those 701AA cards off to Al, 9K2CS, sooner as I'm sure that you would have gotten them back and already made submission for a new country [to my

surprise I got my 701AA card, it was postmarked July!..Editor]. Hopefully Jim Smith's 92 will put another new one in some more logs. The latest I've heard from listening to Jim is that the government has changed and the license has some concerns.

The Sunday evening nets have been pretty successful through the winter months with from 8 to 12 check-in's usually. Bob W4NIM/MM with Carol, are usually heard on many evenings. I'm sure that with summer months coming up, there will be an increase in QRN, but if your schedule allows, we would enjoy your checking in to give a report of your activities.

From the packet "Tom's" committee (you must have a first name of Tom or a special vote authorizing some different first name) there is quite a bit of cluster news. It seems that a full digi station has been assembled and is now going given the smoke test. I understand everything went well and when weather cooperates, a new south-central digi will be available. Also, farther to the east WA3TII has spurred the necessary equipment and space on the tower to get a digi in the Muscatine area going. Don't think it's up yet but again with warmer weather I'm sure there will be additional stations checking through the cluster system. Just as an editorial comment....it has been observed at this terminal that either more EIDXA members are able to type correctly or they operate with more precision and tend not to list "garden variety" DX on the cluster.

## **PRESIDENT CONTINUED**

I'm sure for some just starting, a VK or ZL on 10 or 15 meters may be a big catch. Oh well, club, a big thank you to those involved in the care and feeding of the packet system. I'm sure your comments of thanks and monetary support are appreciated. See ya in the pile-ups.....73, Glen KOJGH.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **As Of 21 March 1991**

On Hand	\$880.22
Packet Equipt	-\$437.50
Dues	+\$ 10.00
 Balance	 \$452.72

From Gary, KOGVB

## **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Meeting called to order(?) with pledge of allegiance by Glen, KOJGH.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved, as printed in the newsletter.

Announcement of Quad City Hamfest.

Old business - WOEJ SCM report, Wade wants input from members for his SCM newsletter.

DXAC report, WOSR - Penguin Island, vote soon.

KOYM - Repeater report, A-OK, all systems working, all is well.

Packet report - KOVZR - Good report on needs of the packet system, goal, objectives and willingness to get a system of expansion going, also talks about expenses. Discussion leads to two motions by KOVZR.

1) Establishment of a Digi Repeater, \$450 from the club general fund effective immediately. Seconded. 100% pass by show

of hand vote. 2) Moved by KOVZR to authorize by club one meeting per year for members to be asked to donate to the cluster/packet system to cover system growth and expenses. Seconded and passed by show of hands.

### **New Business**

DX Hog Award by KOGVB to WOIZ, Top Hog (Boss Hog??) 1990. Second place, log book, to WOPPF. Coffee Break.

Program: Very excellent slide show of Bob, W4NIM and Carol aboard "DX Bound" off Cay Biscayne, Fl. Excellent slides with Bob narration. (Bob only smart guy in club and all members were green with envy!).

Meeting ended, QSY to Pizza Hut. QRT, 12AM or so!

### **New members voted in:**

N9OK, Al Brondel

KFOID, Scott Gronewold

NOEL, Joe Ratkiewicz

WROU, Scott Augsburg

NODGE, Tom Irwin

Members present: KOJGH, KOGVB, KOGT, WDOAWL, NBOH, KCOQ, KOYM, KFOZ, WOEJ, KOVZR, KKOU, WOSR, WOIZ, NYOV, NUOP, WEOM, NCOD, NKON, KZOC, KCOY, KBOSY, WOPPF, WBOB, WYOD, KFOAD, AAQCS, WBOZKG, KAOCWR, K8OM, NOICI, NOSM, ABOM and WA3TIH. Guest, K9UQI.

## **WHO'S DOIN WHAT?**

### **From Jan, Feb, March & April QST**

#### **Mixed Endorsements:**

NCOD 255, WEOU 152, KOVZR 305, NOICI 226, NBOH 220.

New Mixed: WROU 104

Phone Endorsements: KOVZR 303, WKDI 263.

CW Endorsements: KOVZR 253.

## **WHO'S DOIN Cont.**

New 10 Meter: KDRW 108.

### **1990 ARRL 160 Meter Test:**

Iowa, top dogs, both EIDX members!

WDEJ 141,588 single.

NDSM 109,746 multi.

### **5th IARU HF World Championship**

WOPPF 22,237

### **1990 ARRL September VHF QSO**

**Party:** WQIZ 1,736 (the ol DX HOG himself)

## **FROM THE V.P./EDITOR**

I hope you will excuse me for missing the last meeting (and if you don't - well wat the hell I tried!). I was deeply embroiled in the CQ WW 160 SSB Contest, beat my last years score by a bunch, and judging from all the QSL requests, all the guys who can't copy code (I was in the cw one the month before!) but are working on their 160 meter WAS must have a hard time getting Iowa! The CW contest is lots more fun, but now that I have an amplifier that will work on 160, (got it at Dayton 2 years ago) I give SSB contest a shot! Speaking of the 160 CW contest, I was real excited, I heard 9L1US both nites, to bad he never heard me! I need Africa (any Africa!) for my last one for 160M WAC!!

Looking through my logs for the last two years, lots of exciting and new stuff! Under the surprises recently was the turn around on the QSL card for my CW contact with FT4WC (was even more surprised to work the guy!). Made the contact on 22 Feb., received the QSL in the mail 21 March..not bad for a round trip to France for a card from Crozet! But, then there are the others, took 2 tries and over a year, but got the 40 meter CW ZS8MI card! Had some mail stolen

from my mail box outside last year during the month of February, so now, all the really important stuff, like outgoing QSL requests are hand delivered to the post office!! During the Persian Gulf War, I like many others listened to the news from sources other than the U.S. I was listening to the BBC on 28 February and they had a news item on Walvis Bay. Seems, according to the BBC reporter, Namibia wants its bay back! Can't say I blame them! So maybe we will see Walvis Bay become a delete in the future, depending on how the negotiations go. I was kind of hoping the troupes would go right on into Baghdad, I still need that YI1BGD card!!! Being an "outlander" I was glad to see all the movement in expanding the 144.91MHz frequency in this direction. I hope that something can happen so that I might have a chance to get into the WDEJ cluster. I am so hopeful that I have aquired the RF equipment and have access to a site, that if somethin in Muscatine and/or Ainsworth gets going I will be moving on a node here in Burlington.

Speaking of not being able to get into the WDEJ DX cluster!, packet still is the key for getting information for chasing that needed DX! I was in C.R. Monday, Feb 18th on business and had a nice chat with Tom, WB8ZRL on the repeater, he took the latest information off the cluster on ET2A (yes, I still did not have it worked!) and sent it to me at WEOU 885 here in burlington via the 145.01 network. That Saturday, with Tom's help, I got a gud clean entry into the log for ET2A! Thanks a million Tom!!!!!! I owes ya! Using the information sent to me by Gary, K0GYB, I have updated the membership database as best I can right now. (next page)

### **From V.P./Editor Cont.**

At present, the membership list has sixty members and has grown to two pages! You will not find a copy of the membership list in this newsletter. The latest information I have will be passed around at the meeting as part of the sign in list, please check it for correctness then. I will also be checking the receipts that Gary, KOGVB has for payed-up members, so if you have not payed your dues yet, this will be your last newsletter, as you will be removed from the database. With the price of postage up from last time, I see no reason to be sending out unnecessary newsletters (not to mention the time required to copy, label and stamp!).

So far, items sent to me to be included in **your** newsletter have been **underwhelming** (with the surprising exception of the letter from our fearless leader!). If its a case of the Tax Time short fall, that is **no excuse**, you can save the postage and send your literary jewels to KORW at WEOU-2 via WAORJT, it works great! I know you have something there you are not sharing that we will be interested in! Will see you at the meeting, and maybe some of you in about a month at Dayton.

CUL de KORW.

### **FROM THE RECORD BOOKS**

#### **10 Years Ago, on the Bands**

Dave, K6LPL, was /CEOZ. (Dave was later involved in a counterfit QSL scandal)

W4PRO/CEO, Easter giving the rarer bands and modes to the "deserving".

5R8AL was found on 10 CW using 40 KHz

split, taking his own list.

Balder, DJ6SI/TZ, activated Mali on CW.

OHDXZ/OJO was active from Market Reef.

Erik, SMOAGD led a DXpedition to JSAG.

K4YT was TYA11. He was often accused of being a pirate with that call.

ADDS was /KH5 and KH5K.

ZLIAMO was H44RW (Another of my "RW" cards from Ron!)

YK9NYG on Cocos-Keeling was often on 10 meter SSB long path in the mornings combined with VK Novice power of 20 watts. **tnx WB8ZRL!**

### **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP!**

## TWO Meter Band Explosion?

Bull. #13, 1 April 1991. To All @ All from Omnipotent Learned Dogmatic Fraternal Amateur Radio Technological Society. Ozone, Ark. According to research and data obtained here in Ozone, Arkansas, there is a grave danger that the 2 meter Amateur band may explode due to RF over pressure. According to Dr. Juan Moore Fore-deRode, chief scientist for the OLDFARTS, the addition of the new "codeless" technician license may bring a permanent end to 2 meters! According to Dr. Fore-deRode, with the new more sensitive VHF receivers the amount of RF left after detection has been on the increase. In the days of tubes and diode slope detectors, the spare RF on 2 meters was well within the elastic limits of the band. But now, due to the more sensitive receivers and especially the DX packet clusters, the elastic limit has been reached. Dr. Fore-deRode expects that with the added activity due to the new technicians "an explosion is imminent". Quoting Dr. Fore-deRode, "with the added RF from packet, and the expected increase due to new "nocode" technicians along with the coming of warmer weather, it won't be long before the whole damn band goes KA-BOOM!" When asked what warmer weather had to do with the increased danger he reminded us that heat increases expansion! What can we do? Well, according to Dr. Fore-deRode, "detune all receiver front ends so the RF will have to do more work getting to the mixer and limit all DX packet cluster transmissions to only listing DX like ZA stations, no "garden variety" listings. And above all else, do not help any of the new "codeless" technicians to

get tickets or otherwise get on the 2 meter amateur band!" And what if they should get their new "codeless" license? Dr. Fore-deRode suggests "whatever you do, do not help them upgrade, they might get interested in chasing DX on the HF bands, adding to the RF on 2 meters by placing all those "garden variety" listings on the DX packet clusters, AND turning this into an even bigger disaster by stretching the elastic limits of the HF bands!" Something Dr. Fore-deRode doesn't even want to think about!!!

The OLDFARTS will be watching the elastic limit of the 2 meter band very closely and will be checking with the FCC as "nocode" technicians are added and will be issuing other precautionary bulletins as needed. Attend your local club meetings for further details from OLDFARTS members at your meetings!

## SOVIET POCKET CALENDAR

JANUARY ЯНУАРИЙ		FEBRUARY ФЕВРАЛЬ		MARCH МАРТ	
Mo	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	Mo	
Tu	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	Tu	
We	9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	We	
Th	10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	Th	
Fr	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22	Fr	
Sa	5 12 19 26			Sa	
Su	6 13 20 27			Su	
APRIL АПРЕЛЬ		MAY МАЙ		JUNE ИЮНЬ	
Mo	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	Mo	
Tu	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	Tu	
We	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	We	
Th	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	Th	
Fr	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	Fr	
Sa	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	Sa	
Su	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	Su	
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JULY ЛИПЕНЬ		AUGUST ВЕРЕСЕНЬ		SEPTEMBER СЕРПЕНЬ	
Mo	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	Mo	
Tu	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	Tu	
We	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	We	
Th	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	Th	
Fr	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	Fr	
Sa	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	Sa	
Su	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	Su	
OCTOBER ЖОВТЕНЬ		NOVEMBER ЛИСТОПАД		DECEMBER ГРУДЕНЬ	
Mo	1 8 15 22 29	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	Mo	
Tu	2 9 16 23 30	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	Tu	
We	3 10 17 24 31	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	We	
Th	4 11 18 25	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	Th	
Fr	5 12 19 26	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	Fr	
Sa	6 13 20 27	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	Sa	
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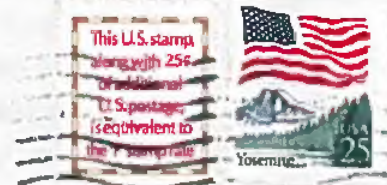
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VU Laccadives  
VK Heard Is.  
70 PDR Yemen  
XU Kampuchea

FB8W Crozet  
VU Anadaman  
CE0 San Felix  
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